



Thank you for praying for and with MCF. We hope this prayer calendar assists you to pray for Defence related issues. The calendar includes international and national prayer concerns and those of MCF groups in Australia and other nations, and other Christian Military Ministries.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator:

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02 Apr 23

- † Pray for churches across Australia in the lead up to Easter. Pray that many Australians would come to understand for the first time the significance of Jesus death and resurrection for them. Pray especially for MCF groups around Defence which may be seeking to engage colleagues at Easter time with hot-cross bun morning teas or similar events.
- † Pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine. Thank God for the unity among many nations calling for peace. Pray that President Putin would cease Russian aggression. Thank God for the strength of the Ukraine military in defending well. Pray for the civilians and families who have been separated. Pray for those facing hunger and uncertainty in the worst affected cities. Ask that God would equip Ukraine's military chaplains and churches in regions throughout the world who have received refugees and orphans from Ukraine.

09 Apr 23

- † During this season of Easter, pray that service men and women will thank God for his son Jesus and what he sacrificed for us on the cross, and consider the evidence for his resurrection.
- † Thank God for the remarkable evidence pointing to Jesus resurrection, which we celebrate this Easter Sunday morning. Pray that Christians would be encouraged to better know the truth and relevance of the risen Jesus. Pray that those around us would seek deeply, consider evidence, experience a loving community, and be persuaded of God's love for them. Pray for Defence members who are away from family because of Operations, Exercises or other training commitments. Pray that Christians would be able to find each other on deployments, and perhaps meet together to read the Bible and encourage each other. Pray for the partners and children at home, that friends and churches would provide effective support.

16 Apr 23

- † Pray for our fellow defence ministries which serve alongside MCF, represented by the FCMM – ACCTS, AMCF, Chaplains, Everyman’s Welfare Service, FOCUS, Navigators, Red Shield Defence Services and Solid Rock Ministries.
- † At time of writing, the announcement of the Defence Strategic Review is expected in late April. Pray for Government, Defence, industry and our international partners in the US and UK as we work together in an increasingly close and fast-paced environment.

23 Apr 23

- † Pray for the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN. Pray for wisdom in his duties as he oversees activities which raise, train and sustain Navy capability. Continuing with the Navy focus and in light of the recent announcement of the optimal pathway for Australia to acquire nuclear-powered submarines
- † Following the rise in interest rates in recent months, pray for all people facing financial uncertainty. Pray especially for

those of us in Australia and the wider western world, that our eyes would be opened to the futility of trusting in wealth and material success, and that we would turn to God in repentance, trusting him for our future. Pray for opportunities for the good news about Jesus to be seen and heard afresh.

- † Pray for those who are feeling lonely and isolated by restrictions or circumstances. Especially those who have served our nation and now may not have the opportunity to connect with mates this Anzac Day. Thank God for the service of all who have been involved with protecting and serving Australia over the years. Thank God for the Christians in Defence who have been a strong witness to those they served and interacted with during their service. Pray those still serving will also be strong and faithful witnesses to all they engage with.

30 Apr 23

- † Pray for Operation Kudu, the Australian Defence Force’s commitment to the training of Armed Forces of Ukraine recruits in the United Kingdom (UK).

The Australian contingent (roughly 70 members, mostly from 5RAR) is working alongside partner nations as part of the UK-led training program to build additional capacity for Ukraine to defend their homeland and focuses on basic infantry tactics for urban and wooded environments. Pray also for the Chaplain who is deployed with those members.

- † Lord, you have blessed and saved us through Jesus. You have given us a rich and beautiful country in which we are free to worship and serve You. You have also given us responsibility for this land and its people. Help us to praise and worship You and help us in our weakness not to fail You or our fellow Australians. Thank you for Jesus

MCF PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we thank you
that the blood of Jesus Christ
cleanses us from all sin.
Bless the service men and women
of all nations
and grant that we who know the joy
of being all one in Christ Jesus
may be filled with your love
and pass it on to others
until His coming again.

Amen